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Good Morning,

I would like to add my voice to those speaking on behalf of the Marine Protection Act and the areas considered for full Marine Protection or "No Take" zones. My opinion is that one of the most important areas to consider for full protection is the Ed Ricketts Marine Park along the city of Monterey for a myriad of reasons. Among them are the variety of attractions that draw people of all ages to this area from the sculptures and benches to enjoy the coastline to the California Sea Lions that haul out at the end of the breakwater, the divers that experience some of their first dives off of San Carlos beach and the children often seen playing in the surf at waters edge. This area off of Cannery Row is no place for fishing with either nets, lines, spear guns or for the harvesting of Kelp.

This is most in line with package "2" of the existing maps under consideration at this time and one in which package "S" falls short. I hope you will consider including this area directly in front of the world class Monterey Bay Aquarium, Hopkins Research facility, Yacht harbor adjacent to breakwater and Cannery Row for full protection.

Kindest Regards,
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